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- A copy of the International Search Report for related case PCT/US03/21876.

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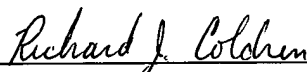
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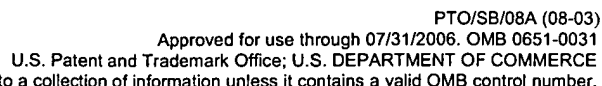
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